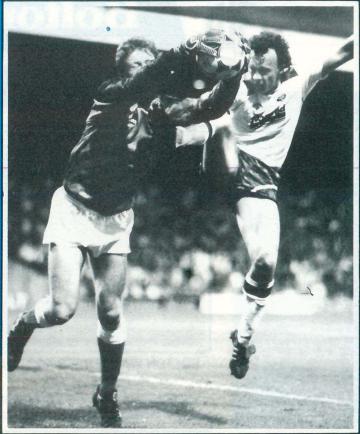


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Notes from the boss....

Having failed to get the result we were looking for at Southend last Saturday it was pleasing to see the way the team bounced back in mid-week with that victory over Chester in the Littlewoods Cup.

I was particularly pleased with the grittiness and spirit we showed throughout the pre-season Lancashire Manx Cuprun, apart from the Rochdale game when we looked a bit 'iffy'. And I felt we found that again on Tuesday night.

Much of the football we played was attractive enough to warrant bursts of applause and I felt the crowd responded well.

My ultimate aim is to win games, of course, but along the way I want to see our teams play attractive football and I'm sure the fans feel the same way.

I must admit I got a bit nervous towards the end on Tuesday when we gave away one or two free kicks but, by the same token, we had chances at the other end, John Thomas missing with one and having another well saved and Bobby Savage shooting off target.

I felt we disturbed Chester more than they disturbed us, apart from an early chance when they showed how dangerous they can be in the air. It all makes for an interesting return game next Wednesday.

Back on the League front this afternoon, I'm delighted to welcome Frank Burrows and his Cardiff team back to Burnden Park again after our respective promotion successes last term.

We had two fine games against Cardiff last season, each winning our home games 1—0, so this one's nicely set up. We need to build up our confidence so a repeat of last season's result in our second League game would be most welcome.





Burnden Visitors



CARDIFF CITY

THEIR MANAGER

Scottish-born FRANK BURROWS was a defender with Raith, Scunthorpe and Swindon during his playing career. He then joined the coaching-staff at Swindon before becoming Manager at Portsmouth from 1979 to 1982. He was later on the coaching staff at Southampton and Sunderland, and was appointed Cardiff City's Manager in May 1986.

Two years after reaching one of the lowest points in their 78-year professional history by dropping for the first time into Division Four after two consecutive relegations, CARDIFF CITY took their first step back towards League respectability in 1987/88 by winning promotion to Division Three as runners-up to Wolves, and they finished the season in style by winning the Welsh Cup for the first time in twelve years when they defeated Wrexham 2–0 at Swansea.

The 1987/88 season was a very consistent one for City—they remained in the top six of Division Four from early November '87, they stayed in the top three automatic promotion-positions from late January 1988, and their Welsh Cup win put them back into the European Cup-Winners Cup for the first time since 1977/78 when they entered the competition as Welsh Cup Runners-up.

FORWARDS . . .

Only one player appeared in every League and Cup game for City in 1987/88-top scorer JIMMY GILLIGAN who obtained 26 first-team goals (20 League, 6 Cup). A £17,500 signing from Lincoln City in the summer of 1987, Gilligan was previously with Watford, Grimsby, Swindon and Newport (loan). He formed an effective attacking partnership in Cardiff's promotion with forward KEVIN BARTLETT who was Cardiff's second-highest scorer with 14 in League and Cup, and he's a former Portsmouth apprentice who was signed from nonleague Fareham Town in September 1986. Caerphilly-born striker PAUL WHEELER played in about half of Cardiff's first-team matches last season, mainly as substitute, though he was top scorer for City's reserve

team. A former Bristol Rovers apprentice, he was with Welsh League Clubs, Taffs Well and Aberaman before joining City, originally as a part-timer, in August 1985. Former Welsh International striker IAN WALSH was signed from Grimsby Town on a free transfer, but the former Crystal Palace, Swansea City and Barnsley player suffered from injury and illness in 1987/88 and didn't make many appearances for City after his December '87 arrival.

MIDFIELD . . .

Close-season signing STEVE LYNEX from West Bromwich Albion on a free transfer is an experienced attacking player who, after originally joining Albion as an apprentice, ALAN CURTIS, capped 35 times for his country, plays mainly these days in a rightsided midfield role althou he has been better known in his career as a forward. He began his career with Swansea City for whom he made his debut in 1972, and he returned to the Club after a brief spell with Leeds eight years ago. He later went to Southampton from whom Cardiff signed him in the summer of 1986. City had plenty of competition for midfield places at the start of this season -Blackpool-born MARK KELLY established a regular place in '87/88 after being signed from Shrewsbury Town at the start of that season, while another regular midfielder in the promotion season was Havant-born PAUL WIMBLETON who came to Cardiff in the summer of 1986 from his only other club Portsmouth where his career had been seriously hampered by a knee injury. He was named in last season's P.F.A. Fourth Division Eleven, Slough-born BRIAN McDERMOTT usually plays on the left of midfield, and he was signed in the summer of 1987. Originally with Arsenal for whom he made 61 First Division appearances, he has since played for Fulham (loan), Oxford United, Huddersfield (loan) as well as having spells abroad.

DEFENDERS

Cardiff had the best defensive record in the Fourth Division together with Torquay in '87/88 and much of the credit went to skipper and central defender TERRY BOYLE

Burnden Visitors

who missed just one first-team game. A former Welsh International, he was originally with Tottenham as an apprentice before moving to Crystal Plalace. He later played for Bristol City and Newport County from whom Cardiff signed him for £22,000 in the summer of 1986, and he, like Wimbleton, gained a place in the '87/88 P.F.A. Fourth Division Fleven, Another former Welsh International defender with the Club is Swansea-born NIGEL STEVENSON who spent twelve years with Swansea City, going with them from Fourth to First Division, and back again! He's also had loan-spells with Cardiff and Reading, and he came to Cardiff on a permanent basis in the summer of 1987. Aberfan-born teenager GARETH ABRA-HAMS, another central defender, is the Club's former youth-team captain, and he was originally an apprentice with the Club, turning professional in the summer of 1987 and having a few first-team games near the start of last season. Another young defender who has come through the Club's junior ranks is Gwent-born JASON PERRY who can play at either full-back or in the centre of defence, and he too had a few first-team

games in early '87/88.

One defensive newcomer with the Club this season is full-back IAN RODGERSON, signed in the summer for a small fee from his local club Hereford United with whome he had been a faifly regular first-teamer over the past few seasons. Cardiff-born full-back PHIL BATER is in his second season with his hometown club, having begun his career with Bristol Rovers to whom he returned after a spell in the early 1980's with Wrexham, and he came to Cardiff in the summer of 1987 from Brentford where he had spent one season. Former Bedford, Bristol Rovers and Coventry City player NICKY PLAT -NAUER was signed from Birmingham City in September 1986 as a midfield player, but last season switched to left-back where he proved very effective.

Cardiff have an experienced goalkeeper in former Scottish International GEORGE WOOD who was signed originally on loan from Crystal Palace in late January 1988. Previously with East Stirling, Blackpool, Everton and Arsenal, Wood was signed on a further one-year contract in the summer &



Cardiff City F.C. 1988/89 (with the Welsh Cup)

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Nigel Stevenson, George Wood, Paul Wheeler, Ian Walsh, Phil Bater.
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MATCH REPORT

WHAT THE PAPERS SAID

DAILY STAR. . . .

DARBY WINNER! Bolton 1, Chester 0

Julian Darby's headed goal minutes before half-time gave Bolton first blood in this dour Littlewoods Cup tussle.

But vital late saves by both keepers set up aninteresting return at Chester next Wednesday.

Twelve minutes from time Billy Stewart produced a sensational stop to deny John Thomas the chance to stretch Bolton's lead.

Then moments later Chester's 16-year-old substitute Aiden Newhouse had Bolton 'keeper Dave Felgate stretching.

THE SPORT

DARBY ACE Bolton 1 Chester 0

Midfielder Julian Darby was the Bolton hero with a stunning 42nd minute headed goal after Chester had done most of the pressing.

Chester striker Steve Johnston was most in the action, bringing three good saves out of goal-keeper Dave Felgate.

Then, three minutes before half time, Bolton attacking full-back Phil Brown raced down the right wing and sent in a cleverly flighted centre to the far post. And with all the power of the Lion of Vienna Nat Lofthouse, Darby, who normally only scores two goals a season, put Bolton ahead.

THE DAILY EXPRESS....

Bolton 1 Chester 0

Julian Darby kept his head and it proved enough to give Bolton a one-goal cushion for the return trip to Sealand Road.

In the 42nd minute Wanderers full back Phil Brown ended a move down the right with a high centre, and Darby took advantage of confusion in Chester's rearguard to head past Billy Stewart to settle a hard fought tie. But it was Stewart's agility that kept Chester in touch when he made what could prove to be a crucial diving save from John Thomas with only ten minutes remaining.

In between, Chester had their chances and 19-year-old full back Colin Woodthorpe spoiled a bright performance by shooting wide.



Julian Darby—the scorer of the goal against Chester.



BEHIND THE SCENES

LONG HAUL

During the summer the Wanderers' own athletic club, the Burnden Road Runners completed a non stop relay from John O'Groats to Lands End.

15 runners along with a back up team completed the journey in a time of 4 days, 8 hours, 30 minutes and 22 seconds.

MENCAP have been chosen as the Club's charity for the year and they will benefit to the tune of almost £5,000 raised from the run and other activities during the year.

OPENING DAY BLUES

The Wanderers continue to miss out on the the first day of the season with the defeat at Southend leaving the club with just one victory recorded on the opening day in the last eleven seasons. That came in 1983 when Wimbledon were defeated at Burnden.

NEW FORMAT FOR PLAY-OFFS

A Although the Barclays League Play-offs are here to stay, they will have a slightly different format this season. Effectively, each division will have its own, 'self-contained' play-offs to determine the final promotion place. In Division One, three clubs will be relegated as in previous years with two Second Division clubs being promoted automatically. The last promotion place will be determined by the clubs finishing third, fourth, fifth and sixth playing-off. Exactly the same arrangements will apply at the bottom of the Second and top of the Third Divisions. At the bottom of the Third, however, four clubs will be relegated with three being automatically promoted and the playoffs being contested by the clubs finishing fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh.

The format which has applied for the first two years was, of course, designed to facilitate the reduction in the size of the First Division. As a result of the new structure, however, the criticism levelled at the play-offs that they increase the 'fear-factor' at the bottom of each division, has thus been eliminated.

PRE-SEASON SUCCESS

Although it is early days it was a fine start to the new season in lifting the Lancashire Manx Cup.

The Wanderers have won the competition, prior to its re-appearance in the 1980's, on no less than nine occasions, the last being in 1948.

Two other pre season games took place in private. Firstly a seventy minute game at West Brom ended scoreless with the Wanderers looking good against the likes of Arthur Albiston, Andy Gray and Brian Talbot.

Secondly a 2—1 reverse at Carlisle United wasn't as bad as the score suggests with the Wanderers using the game more as a training exercise bringing on and taking off players at regular intervals. Trevor Morgan netted the Bolton goal.

LETTER

Letter from Newport County Supporters Club to B.W.F.C. dated 21 June, 1988: "Dear Sir.

On behalf of Newport County Supporters Club I am writing to express the appreciation of the members who attended the Bolton v Newport match on 23 April 1988. The attitude of the Bolton fans towards our struggling, teenaged side and the supporters who travelled was tremendous. We came away feeling that the home supporters were genuinely sorry to see us heading out of the football league.

Yours sincerely....Secretary."

Performance of the Week and Young Eagle Awards to Continue

The highly popular Barclays League 'Performance of the Week' Awards will once again be an integral feature of the Bank's involvement in grass roots football this Season. So too, will the Barclays League 'Young Eagles' Awards which are aimed at encouraging, and indeed, rewarding, young players within the League.

AWAY WE GO

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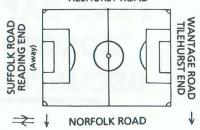
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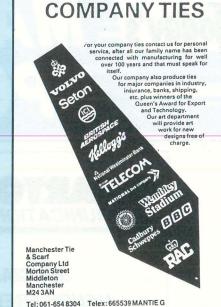
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Due to the success of our last competition we will certainly be running more, so keep dialling Wanderers Club Call 0898-12-11-64.

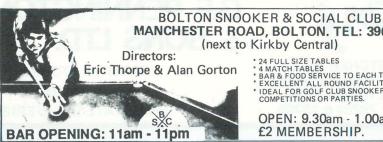


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5 YEARS AGO: Tony Caldwell scored his first League goal for the Wanderers in a 2–0 win at Bradford City which kept up the clubs 100% record. Despite the presence of former internationals, Trevor Cherry and Terry Yorath in the City line up, the young Wanderers were well on top for most of the game to record only their second away win of 1983.

The Wanderers conceded their first goals of the season in a mid-week 2—0 defeat at Gillingham. Goals from Dave Mehmet and Mark Weatherly either side of half-time gave Gillingham their first points of the season.

10 YEARS AGO: Three consecutive home games without defeat helped the Wanderers' cause in both League and Cup. Firstly Chelsea were defeated 2—1 in the second round of the League Cup, Frank Worthington scoring both goals, and he repeated the dose the following Saturday in a 2—2 draw with Birmingham City. The Midlanders equalising three minutes from time against a Bolton side reduced to ten men after the sending off of Sam Allardyce.

Bolton recorded their first League win of the season by 2—1 against Derby County with Alan Gowling scoring both goals in the

15 YEARS AGO: The first victory of the season was chalked up with a 1–0 win over Hull City at Burnden. The winning goal came from Roy Greaves in the 63rd minute when he headed home a Don McAllister cross.

final quarter of an hour after Derby held

the lead.

The Wanderers needed extra time to defeat Preston at Deepdale in a first round League Cup replay. Stuart Lee broke the deadlock with two goals in the 98th and 100th minute of the tie.

Two goals from John Byrom defeated big spending Portsmouth at Fratton Park.

100 YEARS AGO: The Wanderers were invited to open the new ground at Gorton Villa situated near Belle Vue in Manchester. A 2–0 win raised confidence for the opening of the League season the following Saturday with a visit from Derby County. The kick-off for the first League encounter was half an hour late but Bolton wasted no time in romping into a 3–0 lead in five minutes. Incredibly by half-time County had taken the lead and eventually won the game 6–3.

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RESERVE AND YOUTH NEWS

The second week of pre-season friendlies began with the A team taking on Turton. The North Bolton outfit, now members of the West Lancashire League, proved too strong for a young Bolton side and ran out 3–1 winners with all their goals coming in a ten minute spell either side of halftime. Neil Fisher put the Wanderers back into the game but it didn't produce a revival.

The reserves took on Knowsley United, formerly Kirkby Town, the following evening and in an entertaining game went down 4—2. On a wet and windy evening the Wanderers fell behind to a first half goal before Nicky Brookman equalised six minutes into the second period. The Merseysiders regained the lead five minutes later only for Nicky Brookman to again level matters with the cheekiest of goals. Knowsley grabbed two further goals from long range efforts but Bolton were unlucky when both lan Callaghan and Alan Stubbs hit the post.

The A team completed their preparation prior to the start of the Lancashire League Season with a 3–1 defeat at Marsden where Mike Jeffrey scored the solitary goal.

On the evening that the first team were winning the Lancashire Cup a reserve XI won 3—1 at Ashton Town with goals from Jeffrey, Ford and Moran. The Wanderers were handicapped when they lost keeper Ian Henshall through injury with full back Paul Hughes taking over. Trevor Morgan made his first appearance of the season after

recovering from his operation and came through without any problems.

The A team began the Lancashire League season with a 2–1 defeat at Carlisle United but last Saturday registered their first win by defeating Preston North End 1–0.

Home games this season, in the Lancashire League, are taking place at Moss Park, home of Breightmet United. This turns the clock back over 50 years as the Wanderers used this ground for games played by the A team in the Lancashire combination before the War.

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE FINAL TABLE 1987-88

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REFLECTIONS

Unfortunately our return to the Third Division last Saturday was marred not only with a defeat but even worse by a section of so called Wanderers supporters who not only brought disgrace to the Club but spoiled what was a pleasant trip to a friendly club. Southend are one of the few clubs who so far have not needed to erect fences to cage supporters inside the terraces, but the invasion at the end of the game will probably make them think again. Bolton Wanderers do not need these louts and furthermore will do all that they can to get these hooligans put to justice.

Today we welcome Welsh Cup winners Cardiff, who like ourselves, celebrated a return to the Third Division and also European football.

Last season's encounters both ended with the home team successfully securing 1—0 victories, with Jeff Chandler scoring the Bolton winner. Jeff got injured in the very next match and was virtually ruled out of action all last season with a serious knee injury, so it's good to see Jeff back fighting for a first team place.

Another player working his way back to full fitness is Trevor Morgan, after his summer operation of a double hernia, Trevor battled his way through the second half of last season even though he knew he needed an operation

John Thomas will be making his first League appearance of the season this afternoon after serving his one game ban last weekend. He has been looking sharp in pre-season and has already bagged a couple of goals in the Lancashire Manx Trophy. John will be looking towards hitting something like last season's total and in these days of two million pound transfers for proven goal-scorers it makes you wonder what value John has on his shoulders in this inflated market.

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RECOLLECTIONS

Cardiff City make their 31st League visit to Burnden Park today looking to improve on a run that hasn't seen them win here since September 1970.

Their first visit, in October 1921, saw them win a First Division game by 2–1 which shocked the Wanderers as the Welshmen were at the foot of the table at the time.

The Wanderers made amends on their first League visit to Ninian Park with an identical score in their favour and it is interesting to not that Bolton have a fair record from their trips to Cardiff having scored more goals than their hosts.

After City's relegation from the First Division in 1929 it wasn't until 1952/53 season that our paths again crossed. City then completed their first double against the Wanderers winning both games by a single goal.

During the sixties, in which ten of the fourteen encounters took place in the Second Division, the Wanderers were hardly welcome visitors to South Wales. Seven consecutive visits produced six wins and a draw in favour of the Trotters but the bubble burst during 1969/70. Since then the Wanderers have returned on only two occasions with the points, the last being in October 1985, when a Graham Bell goal settled the issue.

Later that season the Wanderers scored a resounding 5–0 win over City at Burnden with goals from Warren Joyce, Mark Came, on his 50th League appearance for the club, Phil Neal, George Oghani and Tony Caldwell.

Last season both clubs won their respective home games on their way to promotion, by a 1–0 scoreline, in what were close well faught encounters.

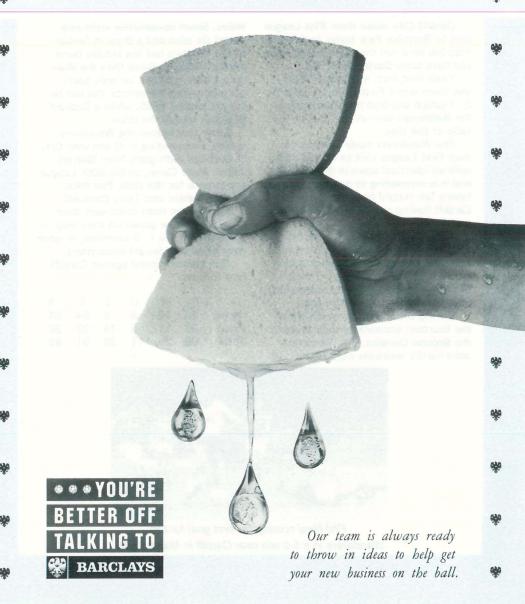
Our League record against Cardiff is as follows:

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Phil Neal scoring his first goal for the Wanderers in a 5-0 win over Cardiff in March 1986

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NATS DIARY

A REVEIW OF NATS INTERNATIONAL CAREER

20th OCTOBER, 1951

No. 2

WALES 1 v ENGLAND 1 (at Cardiff)

After a spell of eleven months, Lofthouse returned to the International stage along with another Wanderer, centre half, Malcolm Barrass.

England, however, ended a sequence of victories over Wales, since the War, at Ninian Park when they survived to the extent of drawing 1—1 in an undistinguished match of uneven quality.

It was Wales, in fact, who themselves allowed their opponents to escape from the fire of the dragons den with nothing more than a singeing by spurning three glorious chances that would have settled the affair.

England, to give them their due, tried to play skillful football on the ground but against relentless tackling of a Welsh defence, whose true strength lay in its half back line of Paul, Daniel and Burgess, one was left with the feeling that the tune they were attempting to call was somewhat off key.

Only three minutes after England had kicked off, Wales took a sudden and contrived lead. It came from a free kick given against Barass for obstructing Ford just outside the penalty area. Paul quickly took the kick and passed to Foulkes, who, touching the ball for the first time in his first International, left Smith flat footed before shooting past Williams unchallenged.

Although England had been caught napping it did not appear to disturb them and within seven minutes they were level.

Finney took a forward header from Wright and worked his way clean through the Welsh defence to find Medley with a square pass to his left. The Welsh defence was scattered as Baily ran in to head home Medley's neat lob.

The whole match then to all intents and purposes had reached its full stature within the opening ten minutes.

England continued to dominate the play with neater more cultured football but move after move between forwards, who were not fully in tune with one another, petered out.

Barrass was neat and thoughtful in his use of the ball, for all the buffeting he received from Ford, whilst Lofthouse received little service. Neither were the dominating personalities badly needed to hold the side together and, as it was, England could only attack spasmodically and seldom as a combined unit.

An afternoon of alternating sunshine and rain was perhaps apt to fit the mood of the fitful struggle.

The Bolton players completed the International, to find that their club had retained the leadership of the First Division without them, after defeating Huddersfield Town at Burnden.

TEAMS

England:

Williams (Wolves), Ramsey (Spurs), Smith (Arsenal), Wright (Wolves) (Capt.), Barrass (Bolton), Dickinson (Portsmouth), Finney (Preston), Thompson (Aston Villa), Lofthouse (Bolton), Baily (Spurs), Medley (Spurs).

Wales:

Shorts (Plymouth), Barnes (Arsenal) (Capt.), Sherwood (Cardiff), Paul (Man.City), Daniel (Arsenal), Burgess (Spurs), Foulkes (Newcastle), Kinsey (Norwich), Ford (Sunderland), Allchurch (Swansea), Clarke (Man.City).



WHERE ARE THEY NOW



DAVID FELGATE

PART 2

Dave was coming to the end of his stay at Lincoln. He refused John Pickering's offer of a new contract and even sold his home in Lincoln to move in with his wife's (Lynn) parents back in Bolton. It was at this time that Liverpool made an approach to sign Dave, but Lincoln suddenley raised their present valuation and Liverpool backed out of the deal. When Dave Booth at Grimsby came in again for Dave, he had no hesitation in signing and things were going well until a clash with York's Keith Walwyn put him out out of action for six weeks. At this time manager Dave Booth also resigned to move to Tenerife and a new player/manager, Mick Lyons, was appointed.

It soon became apparent to Dave that he didn't figure in his new manager's plans and he was forced out on loan to Rotherham. But only six days later he was recalled to replace the injured Nigel Batch. Batch was recalled as soon as he was fit and it seemed Dave had no future at the Club.

Phil Neal moved in for Dave on three months loan and Wembley was reached in the Freight Rover Trophy. But unfortunately the loan period had run out and Dave could not play. Phil tried to buy Dave at this time but couldn't agree terms with Grimsby and it wasn't until nine months later that he finally returned to his first club, Bolton. "It was great to be back", added Dave, after

his nightmare spell under Mick Lyons.

After relegation in season '86/87, last season was a personal triumph for Dave for as well as being a ever-present in the promotion side he was also voted Player of the Year by the Club's Development Agents and Lifeline members. When asking Dave for the highs and lows of his career it's obvious that his chance to represent Wales is close to his heart. Dave sat on the bench around about



eighteen times for Wales as cover for both Dai Davies and Neville Southall and made his debut against Rumania at the Racecourse Ground, Wrexham. Dave recalls, "We won 5–0 and lan Rush bagged a couple." This was the icing on the cake for Dave after representing Wales at Schoolboy and Youth level. This last summer, Terry Yorath confirmed that his fine form had not been overlooked for the National team when he put Dave on stand-by for Wales' trip to Malta and Italy.

The low spot for Dave was the Bradford Fire Disaster, when Dave was playing in goal for Lincoln on the day when Valley Parade was packed to celebrate Bradford's promotion to Division 2. Another member of the Lincoln team that day was John Thomas and Dave recalls, "I kicked the ball out of play when I saw the smoke, but didn't realise the seriousness of the fire until later. We were ushered out of the ground but couldn't see for the thickness of the smoke." "The Lincoln team coach was completely destroyed and it wasn't until we kept seeing the reports of the fire-2 then 6, then 20, etc., killed in the fire-that we realised the horror of it."

Back to this season, and Dave hopes of another promotion run and maybe an International recall, I don't think anybody would argue with that.

Personality Profile.

WILLIE MOIR - A TRIBUTE

During the close season, Willie Moir, captain of that star-studded Wanderers team who brought both pride and pleasure to all at Burnden Park during the 1950's, passed away.

As a tribute we reproduce part of an article written by Bill Clarke of Thomson Newspapers for Willie in 1953. It was first published in the Charles Buchan Christmas Annual of that year.

"I have thrilled to the Hampden roar and experienced every one of those insidious pre-match palpitations that are inseparable from the tension characteristic of a big game.

"I have felt that glow of pride which results from having been selected to represent my country against the pride of England, and I have travelled the long and tortuous route that has Wembley as its goal.

"Yet none of those highlights can remove from my mind the greatest day of my life when wee Willie Moir first took to active football as a mite of 13 with the 25th Old Boys Brigade team in Cove, a fishing village south of Aberdeen, my home town.

"There followed another momentous milestone in my life; my posting (with the RAF) to Kirkham and the start of my happy association with Bolton Wanderers, which not only brought me a Wembley Final and the team captaincy but a host of wonderful friends.

"My name was mentioned to the late Charlie Foweraker and he and Bob Jackson, then chief scout at Burnden, had a look at me playing outside right in a match at Clitheroe. So in February 1943 I played one of the most important games of my life, a trial against de Havillands and the prelude to my career as a football professional.

"My stay at Burnden Park has been a very happy one but there have been tough games with honour in defeat as well as victory.

"I will let you into a secret when I tell you that following our misfortunes through injuries in last season's Cup Final at

Wembley, we were beaten more by the lush turf than by our inability to hold Blackpool in those harass ing final minutes.

"How difficult it was to lift my feet from the thick grass, deadened still further by a week of heavy rain, and how those injuries to Eric Bell, Ralph Banks and Nat Lofthouse took toll of our stamina, but never, I hasten to add, our courage.

"I give credit to Blackpool for their splendid rally and also to the sparkle of Stanley Matthews, but I still think our adversity in the way of injuries, was the prime cause of my biggest football disappointment.

"Can you wonder that when I returned to our Wembley dressing room I wept, as did my grand colleague, Nat Lofthouse. Lady Luck was not on our side that day.

"In conclusion I would like to pay tribute to the best goal I ever saw, and the finest player in my view in the world today.

"Colleague Nat Lofthouse got the wonder goal against Hibs in a friendly at Easter Road Edinburgh. A long dribble from the halfway line in which he beat three men and then a crashing unstoppable drive that tore into the net like lightening. So slick, so beautifully timed. So calm—and so deadly.

"And my choice of the master footballer is that elusive, will o'the wisp plumber from Preston—Tom Finney, even though I prefer direct attacking play in any team to mazy—and sometimes negative—dribbling.

"Willie Moir loves, lives and hopes to go on playing football for ever."

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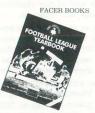
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Mr. Danson commenced refereeing in 1972 and progressed through the Leicester Senior League Football Combination and Southern League. Important matches officiated in include the F.A. Youth Final 1986 and the European Cup Winners Cup 1st Round tie in 1987. He is married with two children and is a self employed builder and carpenter.

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